



House Transportation Committee  
HB 2038 Hearing on Feb. 10, 2026 at 9:30 am  
Conference Room 430 and remote

## **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice-Chair Miyake, and members of the House Transportation Committee, *Carbon Cashback Hawai'i advocates for legislation that reduces carbon emissions and strengthens Hawai'i's energy independence while protecting vulnerable kama'āiana families.*

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i is in support of HB 2038, which provides targeted subsidies for gasoline “superusers” to trade in their gasoline-powered vehicles for electric vehicles (EVs) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs).

Transportation is Hawai'i's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for roughly 40% of statewide emissions. A relatively small number of high-mileage drivers represent a disproportionate share of gasoline use and pollution. By focusing incentives on these drivers, this bill ensures that public funds achieve effective emissions reductions, fuel savings, and public health benefits.

HB2038 also addresses Hawai'i's high cost of living. Hawaii's gasoline prices are among the highest in the nation, placing a heavy burden on working families. EVs and plug-in hybrids dramatically reduce fuel and maintenance costs, saving drivers thousands of dollars over the life of a vehicle. Helping high-mileage drivers switch to cleaner vehicles delivers immediate financial relief while keeping more money in the local economy instead of sending it out of state to purchase imported fuel.

This bill provides a practical, high-impact tool to accelerate progress while delivering tangible benefits to families, communities, and the environment.

For these reasons, Carbon Cashback Hawaii respectfully urges the committee to pass HB2038.



To: The Honorable Representative Darius Kila, Chair, the Honorable Tyson Miyake, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Transportation.

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: **Hearing HB2038 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Hearing: Tuesday February 10, 2026 9:30 a.m. room 430

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee on Transportation!

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i seeks to educate and engage the local community in climate change action, to help return to a safe and stable climate.

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB2038!**

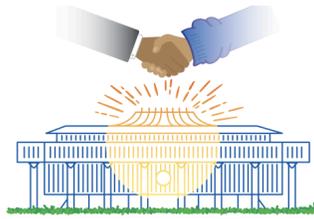
In this time of great concern about the cost of living, this bill would provide a **clean transportation alternatives incentive rebate program that will reduce the cost of living for many lower and moderate income Hawai'i families and those who are "gasoline superusers."** The program also would **reduce climate-heating emissions from fossil fuel vehicles.**

Rural communities and lower-income families are particularly overburdened by the high and rising costs of fossil fuel vehicles, especially on Oahu's Leeward Coast. Our State's gasoline prices are among the nation's highest. A recent study found that rural and lower-income households disproportionately consume and spend the most on gasoline.

Gasoline consumption by light-duty vehicles alone accounts for almost a quarter of the State's climate pollution. **Current electric vehicle technology can save money for local families while eliminating this pollution.** Now that the federal government has abandoned the federal electric vehicle tax credits, the State must push forward with programs to reduce Hawaii's dependence on expensive imported fossil fuels and mitigate the continual financial drain and oppressive burdens on the local economy and everyday household budgets.

Please pass this bill to help reduce ground transportation costs for rural communities and lower-income families and greenhouse gas pollution! Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)



## CLIMATE FUTURE FORUM

Date: February 8, 2026  
To: Representative Darius K. Kila, Chair  
Representative Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Transportation (TRN)  
From: Climate Future Forum  
Re: **SUPPORT for HB2038**  
Hearing: 02/10/2026, Tuesday, 9:30 AM

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As a youth leader of Climate Future Forum (CFF), I thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB2038**, on behalf of CFF. The Climate Future Forum empowers youth (ages 14-26) to actively engage in shaping and advocating for climate policy and legislation. This bill represents a crucial step toward meeting Hawaii’s clean economy goals while ensuring the transition is equitable and economically sound.

As a 16-year-old resident, this bill is deeply personal to me because climate change is directly threatening my future and has already impacted my life. Growing up in California, I experienced firsthand how the climate crisis is making natural disasters more severe and frequent. The increasing temperatures and prolonged droughts have created dangerously dry conditions, turning chaparrals into tinderboxes. Dead vegetation accumulates while living plants lose moisture, creating perfect conditions for fires to ignite and spread rapidly. In 2021, my family had to evacuate our home due to an approaching wildfire— an experience that brought the reality of climate change into sharp focus. Now living in Hawaii, I see different but equally concerning impacts of climate change, from coral bleaching to coastal erosion. This isn’t just about abstract future threats— climate change is already reshaping my life and the lives of young people everywhere. We need bold action like HB2038 to ensure my generation has the opportunity for a stable and sustainable future.

HB2038 establishes a Clean Transportation Alternatives Incentive, which is the umbrella for two subsidies: a \$4,000 one for residents whose annual income does not exceed \$150,000, and another for those whose annual gasoline consumption exceeds 1,270 gallons (dubbed gasoline “superusers”). To qualify for either of these incentives, the applicant must submit proof of purchase of a qualifying clean transportation alternative within ninety days of relinquishing a gasoline-powered vehicle. Clean transportation alternatives include an electric vehicle or plug-in

hybrid, a vehicle achieving at least twenty-percent better fuel economy than the vehicle replaced, a personal micro-mobility device (electric bicycle, bicycle, etc.), bus passes, and charging equipment for an electric vehicle or bicycle. The expansiveness of this term gives individuals who qualify for the incentive more freedom while still helping them reduce their emissions.

The first part of the Clean Transportation Alternatives Incentive aims to address the equity gap in Hawaii's transition toward clean transportation. The second part maximizes cost-effectiveness (money invested by the state into the subsidy versus carbon emissions displaced) by targeting the top 6.8% of Hawaii's drivers in terms of gasoline consumption, who make up about 25.9% of the state's annual gasoline consumption.

Hawaii has long been a leader in clean energy and climate action. For Hawaii to meet its goals of a 50% emissions reduction from 2005 levels by 2030 and net-negative emissions by 2045, we need policies that help low- and middle- income households make the transition to cleaner energy. We believe that HB2038 could be a key element of ensuring that this transition is swift and equitable.

By bringing together youth, educators, policymakers, and nonprofits, the Climate Future Forum fosters meaningful dialogue on climate action priorities and provides actionable steps to address climate change in Hawai'i. Through discussions involving over 100 youth, the forum has identified key high-priority areas, including regenerative food systems, climate and the economy, clean energy and transportation, climate justice and equity, and sustainable infrastructure.

Thank you very much for your support of youth engagement in climate policy. We respectfully urge the Committee to pass this bill.

Sincerely,  
Sophia Park  
Youth Leader of Hawai'i Climate Future Forum

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 10:03:32 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steve Parsons	Kau	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I strongly support this bill because it provides targeted rebates for gasoline “superusers” and drivers from low- and moderate-income households to relinquish their gasoline-powered vehicles. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation.

Transportation is Hawai‘i’s largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for roughly 40 percent of statewide emissions. A relatively small number of high-mileage drivers represent a disproportionately high share of gasoline use and pollution. Focusing incentives on gasoline superusers and drivers from low- and moderate-income households will break down the most critical barriers to switching to clean transportation. The bill will ensure that public funds achieve effective emissions reductions, fuel savings, and public health benefits.

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Mahalo!

Steve Parsons Hanapepe HI

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 11:13:51 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Graham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Kila and members of the House Committee on Transportation,

I strongly support this bill. Targeting drivers from low- and moderate-income households and drivers who consume lots of gasoline will help overcome some of the biggest barriers for people to switch from gasoline vehicles to cleaner forms of transportation. I appreciate that the bill gives rebate recipients a lot of flexibility in how they use the rebates - from EV rebates to bicycles and public transportation.

Thank you!

Thomas Graham, Honolulu

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 11:20:18 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

**As an electric car driver for th past 9 years, I strongly support this bill** because it provides targeted rebates for gasoline “superusers” and drivers from low- and moderate-income households to relinquish their gasoline-powered vehicles. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation.

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Mahalo!

Mary Lu Kelley

Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 11:24:18 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of. Thank you.

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 11:33:03 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine Daleiden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 11:44:41 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Benjamin Narwold	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

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Mahalo!

Benjamin Narwold, Kapaa, Hawaii

February 9, 2026

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

**I strongly support this bill** as it provides targeted rebates for gasoline “superusers”. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation. Furthermore, low and moderate income households would be incentivized to replace their gasoline-powered vehicles.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Keith Neal

Waimea

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 3:31:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support!

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 4:39:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support.

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 5:11:31 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Ward	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee,

**I strongly support this bill** because it provides targeted rebates for gasoline "superusers" and drivers from low- and moderate-income households to relinquish their gasoline-powered vehicles. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation.

I grew up hiking, surfing, snorkeling, and exploring nature at every free moment I had. As I have gotten older, I have realized how fragile the ecosystems in the Hawaiian Islands are, and how much climate change has already pushed them over the edge. This bill would reduce Hawai'i's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation in Hawai'i accounts for roughly 40% of statewide emissions. A relatively small number of high-mileage drivers represent a disproportionately high share of gasoline use and pollution. Helping low and moderate income households and focusing on gasoline superusers will break down the most critical barriers to switching to clean transportation. The bill will ensure that public funds achieve effective emissions reductions, fuel savings, and public health benefits.

HB2038 also addresses Hawai'i's high cost of living. Hawai'i's gasoline prices are some of the highest in the country, placing a heavy burden on many working families. Electric vehicles will reduce fuel and maintenance costs, saving many drivers thousands of dollars over the life of a vehicle.

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Mahalo!

Daniel Ward, Honolulu

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 5:29:49 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I strongly support this bill because it provides targeted rebates for gasoline “superusers” and drivers from low- and moderate-income households to relinquish their gasoline-powered vehicles. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation.

I urge the committee to pass HB2038

Virginia Tincher

Honolulu

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/8/2026 6:48:11 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald "Ron" Reilly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I am in strong support of HB2038.

The bill highlights the adverse pollution effects of gasoline “superusers” - the astonishing 6.8% of Hawaii drivers that consume approximately 117,000,000 gallons of gasoline per year, or about one-quarter of the State’s total annual gasoline usage.

Presumably these commercial drivers and others will benefit financially from incentives that encourage switching to more efficient vehicles. It will be a great example for all drivers to see taxis and other for hire services, driving vehicles lacking gas-caps or tail pipes – and importantly producing much less carbon pollution.

Please pass HB2038.

Thank you, Ron Reilly  
Early EV adopter - and loving it!

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 4:22:56 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Conley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo!

Megan Conley

Date: February 9, 2026  
Re: **STRONG SUPPORT for HB2038** RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION  
Hearing Date: February 10, 2026 @ 9:30 AM

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice-Chair Miyake, and members of the TRN Committee:

I'm writing in **strong support of HB2038**, which would help Hawai'i transition to cleaner forms of transportation by providing funds for lower income households that drive long distances to purchase transportation powered by electricity.

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This bill provides a practical, high-impact tool to accelerate progress while delivering tangible benefits to families, communities, and the environment. Please pass HB 2038 out of your committee.

Mahalo nui loa,



Paul Bernstein  
Honolulu

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 6:10:04 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee,

My name is Noel Morin. I support the intent of **HB2038** and offer recommendations to strengthen its effectiveness.

The measure has several strengths:

- **HB2038 can address our gasoline superuser opportunity.** Gas superusers represent a fraction of our drivers but use a quarter of our gasoline. Helping them convert to electric vehicles allows Hawaii to accelerate its energy transition goals.
- **It addresses equity barriers.** The bill offers a purchase incentive for cleaner transportation options, based on income.
- **It supports clean transportation alternatives,** expanding the range of solutions and allowing for local considerations. What works in Honolulu may not work for commuters on Hawaii Island.
- **It is a practical way to support the state’s zero-emission vehicle mandate.** Without incentives, the mandate will be aspirational for many residents.

There are a few things that should be done to enhance the measure:

- **Require scrappage** – Include requirements to ensure that relinquished vehicles are either destroyed or exported, with proof of completion. Otherwise, the emission and inefficiency problem is merely transferred to others.
- **Update Formula** - Replace the current ‘\$7/gallon’ formula with a simpler, tiered (income-based) formula that applies to owners of gas/diesel vehicles that meet certain criteria (age and MPG) and have annual mileage thresholds met. This will prioritize lowest-income households, reward clean transport adoption (vs past behavior), expand the number of participants, and eliminate complexity. Include additional incentives for owners in rural areas (e.g., those living more than 50 miles from an urban area) to enhance equity.
- **Expand Funding and Phase Launch** – The current appropriation serves a little over 6% of the superusers. and will quickly be exhausted, resulting in public backlash. Extending the program’s duration and the appropriation amount will allow for more participants, spread the fiscal impact over a longer period, and allow for the build-out of charging infrastructure to catch up and support the transition.

- **Coordinate with Public Charging Infrastructure** – This supports the phased launch recommendation. This can also trigger County-level interventions designed to accelerate the expansion of public charging, to ensure that new drivers are supported (not left stranded).
- **Focus on ZEV** – Apply the incentive only to battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to maximize emissions-reduction impact.

I respectfully urge the committee to **pass HB2038 with the recommended amendments.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

[Noel Morin](#)

Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Advocate

Hilo, Hawaii

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 7:37:50 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

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me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Workers Center Board Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai‘i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 7:38:08 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
gail nagasako	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am one of the lucky ones -- I was able to buy PV, a Tesla battery and a plug-in hybrid. We are getting 590 mpg! and that would be even better if we didn't have to use up a tank each year or it will "go bad," whatever that means. Why shouldn't people with less income be able to be a part of protecting climate from the ill effects of gas-powered vehicles? The bill is good for everyone so please pass it.

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 8:08:41 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members,

Please support HB2038.

Thank you,

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 9:36:33 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Browne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please help Hawaii become energy efficient.

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 9:56:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Park	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Distinguished members,

Thank you for your time. I am writing to you as a resident and citizen of this great state in support of Bill HB2038; a bill that will make a meaningful impact on future climate issues and also make a statement about how Hawaii will continue to lead the way in environmental protection and climate change. While we as a family will not benefit directly from the passage of this bill, we recognize the importance of incentivizing and promoting sustainable transportation options for families on island. Reducing reliance on fossil fuels is just one step but nevertheless a significant one. Thank you again for your time and please stay safe.

David and Lisa Park

**HB-2038**

Submitted on: 2/9/2026 3:00:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Roberts	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Roberts

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Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I strongly support this bill because it provides targeted rebates for gasoline “superusers” and drivers from low- and moderate-income households to relinquish their gasoline-powered vehicles. The rebates can be used to buy or lease electric vehicles or other forms of clean transportation.

Transportation is Hawai‘i’s largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for roughly 40 percent of statewide emissions. A relatively small number of high-mileage drivers represent a disproportionately high share of gasoline use and pollution. Focusing incentives on gasoline superusers and drivers from low- and moderate-income households will break down the most critical barriers to switching to clean transportation. The bill will ensure that public funds achieve effective emissions reductions, fuel savings, and public health benefits.

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Mahalo!

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